cultivation. No application for *nirsardi* should be entertained unless it is possible to supply water permanently.

Reply of Government.—Under the rules no application for using Government water is sanctioned unless water can be permanently supplied without prejudice to the holders of existing wet lands, and it is only after five years that the Survey Department converts the temporary water rate into a permanent one. The existing rules are therefore all right.

SUBJECT No. 141.

Grant of wet lands.

Mr. H. Surasastri, Chikballapur taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Wet lands are being sold in public auction. It is prayed that such lands may be ordered to be given to the first *darkhastdar* without auction, as is being done in the British Presidencies.

Reply of Government.—The Revenue Rules afford ample discretion to the Deputy Commissioner regarding the grant of occupancies so as to enable him to meet every case of hardship.

SUBJECT No. 142.

Free grant of land to the poor.

Mr. C. Rassol Khan, Anjuman-e-Islamia, Chikmagalur.

Summary of discussion.—Lands are put to auction and hence it is only the rich that can own any. The poor may be given land free, 5 acres of dry or coffee, or 3 acres of wet, subject to the payment of the annual assessment.

Reply of Government.—Sufficient facilities are provided by the rules to meet all such cases and no general order can be issued.

SUBJECT No. 143.

Compilation of a House Register.

Mr. Venkatanaranappa, Hosdurga taluk.

Summary of discussion.—It is requested that a register similar to *Khetwar Patrik*, may be ordered to be compiled in respect of all houses in villages showing the particulars of houses, their description, names of owners, etc. All changes regarding the owners may be caused to be entered in the register which may be preserved permanently as *Khetwar Patrik*. Such a register is necessary as the *Khaneshmari* is only a statistical register.

Reply of Government.—Cannot be done.

SUBJECT No. 144.

Rules under the Tank Panchayet Regulation.

Mr. Hutchaveeregowda, Gubbi taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The Tank Panchayet Bill has now become Law but the Regulation is not well understood by the people. If the Rules under the Regulation are duly published and brought into force with regard to major tanks it will be of great help to the raiyats in seasons of scarcity.

Reply of Government.—The matter is under correspondence between the Deputy Commissioners and the Revenue Commissioner and it will be expedited.